

SENATE BILL No. 362

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-13-1.

Synopsis: Licensure of dental hygienists. Allows the state board of dentistry to set fees for the licensure of dental hygienists. Modifies the licensing requirement for a dental hygienist who is licensed in another state. Requires the board to classify a dental hygienist's license as inactive if the dental hygienist will not be practicing in Indiana, and allows the board to reclassify a dental hygienist's inactive license as active.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-13-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The board
3 shall enforce this chapter.

4 (b) The board may adopt rules consistent with this chapter and with
5 IC 25-14-1 necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter, the
6 examination of dental hygienists, and for the conduct of the practice of
7 dental hygiene.

8 (c) The board may utilize a dental hygienist education program's
9 accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
10 American Dental Association as evidence that the program has met all
11 or part of the standards for dental hygienist education programs
12 established by the board.

13 **(d) The board may set a fee for the:**

14 **(1) issuance;**

15 **(2) renewal; or**

16 **(3) reinstatement;**

17 **of a license to practice dental hygiene.**



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SECTION 2. IC 25-13-1-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) The board may issue a license upon payment of the fee set by the board under section ~~5~~ **5(d)(1)** of this chapter by an applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

- (1) is a dental hygienist;
- (2) is currently licensed in some other state that has licensing requirements substantially equal to those in effect in Indiana on the date of application;
- (3) has been in satisfactory practice for at least ~~five (5)~~ **two (2)** years out of the preceding ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)** years;
- (4) passes the law examination; and
- (5) has completed at least fourteen (14) hours of continuing education in the previous two (2) years.

However, all other requirements of this chapter must be met and the licensing requirements of the law and the board of the state from which such candidate comes may not be less than those prescribed in this chapter.

(b) An applicant who, before September 1, 1987, graduated from a school for dental hygienists that was recognized by the board at the time the degree was conferred and that required a course of training of only one (1) year, and who has completed:

- (1) one (1) year of internship in a dental clinic of an accepted hospital;
- (2) one (1) year of teaching, after graduation, in a school for dental hygienists; or
- (3) five (5) years of actual dental practice as a dental hygienist;

may apply for licensure under this section if all other requirements of this section are met.

SECTION 3. IC 25-13-1-17.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 17.2. (a) The board may classify a license to practice dental hygiene as inactive if the board receives written notification from the dental hygienist that the dental hygienist does not practice as a dental hygienist in Indiana.**

(b) The board may reclassify an inactive license to practice dental hygiene under subsection (a) if the dental hygienist:

- (1) pays the renewal fee set by the board under section 5(d)(2) of this chapter;**
- (2) pays the reinstatement fee set by the board under section 5(d)(3) of this chapter; and**
- (3) meets the continuing education requirements under**



1 **section 17(a)(5) of this chapter.**
2 **SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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